

**Chapter 18.92****DEFINITIONS****Sections:****18.92.010 Purpose.****18.92.020 Construction of language.****18.92.030 List of terms defined.****18.92.040 Definitions.****Section 18.92.010 Purpose.**

The purpose of this Chapter is to set forth the meaning of certain terms, phrases, and words as they are used in this title. Specific plans may identify terms in addition to those defined in this title. In the case of conflict between the meaning of a term in this title and the same term in a specific plan regarding an issue within the specific plan, the specific plan term shall be applied. Other words not defined within this title shall have the same meaning as provided in a standard dictionary. (98-05, Repealed & Replaced, 03/17/1998)

**Section 18.92.020 Construction of language.**

All words used in the singular include the plural and the plural the singular; and any tense includes the other tenses unless the context requires otherwise. The word "shall" is mandatory and the word "may" is permissive. The following words and phrases have the meanings ascribed to them below, unless the context clearly indicates differently. (98-05, Repealed & Replaced, 03/17/1998)

**Section 18.92.030 List of terms defined.**

Abandoned sign	Discount store	Marquee sign
Accessory structure	Discount superstore	Massage Parlor
Accessory use	Discount superstore, large-format	Medical office/services
Adult bookstore	Discount warehouse/club	Medical Marijuana Dispensary
Adult entertainment center	Downtown Revitalization and	Mini storage
Adult live entertainment center	Historic Preservation Specific Plan	Mobilehome
Alley	Drug treatment clinic	Mobile food vending/ preparation unit
Amusement enterprise, indoor	Duplex	Mobilehome park
Amusement enterprise, outdoor	Emergency shelter	Monument sign
Animal, domestic	Enclosed	Multiple-family dwelling
Animal, non-domestic	Engineer, City	Mural
Animal care facility	Equipment rental yard	Nonconforming building
Animated sign	Family	Nonconforming lot
Arterial street	Farmers market	Nonconforming sign
Automobile repair garage	Fence	Nonconforming use
Automobile wrecking	Flag	Non-taxable merchandise
Awning sign	Flashing sign	Nursery, landscape
Bakery, retail	Freestanding sign	Northeast Area Specific Plan
Bakery, wholesale	Frontage	Pennant, pole
Banner	Galt Landscape Manual	Pennant, string
Barber poles	Garage Sale	Permanent sign
Beacon	Garage, two-car	Person
Bed and breakfast	Gas station price sign	Place of worship
Billboard	General plan	Planning commission
Brewery, Micro	Governmental or other signs required by law	Planning director
Building	Grocery store/supermarket	Pole sign
Building height	Gross acre	Portable sign
Building marker	Group care facility	Pre-zoning
Building official	Guest ranch	Principal use
Building sign	Guest room	Projecting sign
Campground	Halfplex	Prurient interest
Canopy sign	Hazardous Materials	Public and Quasi-Public recreation
Care providers, Residential	Holiday decorations	Public garage
Cemetery	Home occupation	Public way
Change of copy	Hospital	Queue line
Changeable copy sign	Hotel/motel	Ranch marketing operation
City	Household pet	Real estate sign
Club	Identification sign	Real estate tract office
Code compliance officer	Illuminated sign	Recreational vehicle park
Cold storage	Incidental sign	Recreational vehicle
Commencement of development	Integrated development	Recycling center
Commercial coach	Interior sign	Recycling collection point
Commercial message	Junk	Redevelopment Project Area
Community garden	Junkyard	Residential care facility, small
Condominium	Kennel	Residential care facility, large
Construction or contractor sign	Landscaped freeway	Residential sign
Convalescent facility	Lot	Restaurant
Convenience store	Lot, interior	Right-of-way
Council	Lot, through	Roof sign
County	Lot, reversed corner	Roof sign, integral
Covered parking	Lot area	Rotating sign
Curbside collection	Lot area, net	Sales floor area
Day care center	Lot coverage	Satellite receiving dish
Day care home	Lot line	School, private
Design	Lot line, front	Screened
Developed area	Lot line, rear	Seasonal retail sales
Development project	Lot line, side	Second residential unit
Directory sign	Lot width	Service station
	Lounge, cocktail	Setback
	Manufactured home	Shipping container
	Marquee	Shopping center

Shopping center, regional  
Sidewalk café  
Sign  
Sign, off-site  
Sign, on-site  
Single-family dwelling, attached  
Single-family dwelling, detached  
Street  
Street tree  
Structure  
Subdivision kiosk  
Subdivision sign, temporary on-site  
Suspended sign  
Temporary sign  
Tot lot  
Townhouse  
Truck terminal  
Uniform code  
Use, accessory  
Vehicle storage/impound facility  
Wall sign  
Window sign  
Yard  
Yard, front  
Yard, rear  
Yard, side  
Yard, street side

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05, Repealed & Replaced,  
03/17/1998)

**Section 18.92.040 Definitions.**

**Abandoned sign:** Any sign that advertises or identifies a business, product, or service that has not been available on the business premise where the display is located for a period of 90 days.

**Accessory structure:** A structure or part of a building that is subordinate to and incidental to those of the main building or use on the same lot. Accessory structures shall be compatible with existing and adjacent residences to the satisfaction of the Planning Department. No shipping container or similar structure shall be used as an accessory structure, permanent or temporary, in any zoning district unless granted a minor use permit pursuant to Chapter 18.76.

**Accessory use:** A use accessory to any principal use and customarily a part thereof, which is clearly incidental and secondary to the principal use and does not change the character of the principal use.

**Adult bookstore:** Any commercial establishment that has more than twenty-five percent (25%) of its merchandise (as measured by cost of inventory, retail floor area, retail value, and/or gross revenue) in books, magazines, photographs, drawings, motion pictures, video tapes, films, or other audio or visual representations which describe or depict sexual intercourse, fellatio, cunnilingus, bestiality, sodomy, sadomasochism, or other sexual conduct.

**Adult entertainment center:** Any commercial establishment that shows or provides films, or displays them on a viewer, screen, or television set, more than twenty-five percent (25%) of which depict or describe, sexual intercourse, fellatio, cunnilingus, bestiality, sodomy, sadomasochism, or other sexual conduct.

**Adult live entertainment center:** A bar, nightclub, theater, or other establishment that features live performances by topless and/or bottomless dancers, "go-go" dancers, exotic dancers, strippers, or similar entertainers.

**Alley:** A public or private way permanently reserved as a secondary means of access to abutting property.

**Amusement enterprise, indoor:** A use conducted wholly within an enclosed building for the purposes of entertainment, recreation or sport,

such as, arcades, ranges, indoor batting cages, and bowling alleys.

**Amusement enterprise, outdoor:** A use not conducted partly or wholly out-of-doors for the purposes of entertainment, recreation or sport, such as golf courses, driving ranges and outdoor batting cages.

**Animal, domestic:** Any household pet (see definition) that is adapted to life in close association with people, including dogs, cats, rabbits, fish, guinea pigs, miniature pigs, small reptiles, rodents and other similar animals no larger than the largest breed of dogs, but not including domestic fowl.

**Animal, non-domestic:** Any animal, other than a domestic animal.

**Animal care facility:** A use providing grooming, housing, medical care, or other services to animals, including veterinary services, animal hospitals, overnight or short-term boarding ancillary to veterinary care, indoor kennels, grooming and similar services.

**Animated sign:** Any sign, except a changeable copy sign, that uses movement or change of lighting to depict action or create a special effect or scene.

**Arterial street:** A major street carrying the traffic of local and collector streets to and from freeways and other major streets, with controlled intersections and generally providing direct access to non-residential properties. See the circulation map in the Galt General Plan.

**Automobile repair garage:** A use engaged in service or major repair of new or used automobiles, trucks, trailers, boats, motorcycles, mopeds, recreational vehicles, or other similar vehicles, including tire recapping, painting, body and fender repair, and engine, transmission, air conditioning, and glass repair and replacement, and similar services.

**Automobile wrecking:** The dismantling or wrecking of used motor vehicles or trailers, or the storage, sale or dumping of dismantled or wrecked vehicles or their parts. The presence on any lot or parcel of land of 5 or more motor vehicles which for a period exceeding 30 days have not been capable of operating under their own power, and from which parts have been or may be removed for reuse or sale shall constitute prima facie evidence of an automobile wrecking yard.

**Awning sign:** A sign suspended no lower than ten (10) feet above the public way or above a walkway that is used by the public, under a canopy of awning or a building, which identifies a building, profession or industry conducted on the premises.

**Bakery, retail:** Any commercial bakery where twenty-five percent (25%) or more of its gross earnings are the result of retail transactions on the property.

**Bakery, wholesale:** Any commercial bakery where less than twenty-five percent (25%) of its gross earnings are the result of retail transactions on the property.

**Banner:** Any sign of lightweight fabric or similar material that is mounted to any structure, including a pole, at two or more edges.

**Barber poles:** Rotating or stationary cylindrical poles of the traditional red, white, and blue spiral striped design, identifying the premises as a barbershop.

**Beacon:** A spotlight or other source of light designed to attract attention.

**Bed and breakfast:** A house, or portion thereof, where short-term (less than thirty (30) days within any sixty (60) day period) lodging rooms and meals are provided. The operator of the facility shall live on the premises or in adjacent premises.

**Billboard:** Any freestanding sign or building sign advertising, announcing, or identifying the purpose of a person or entity, or communicating information of any kind to the public, that is located off-premises to the person, entity, or information being advertised, announced, or identified.

**Brewery, Micro:** A manufacturer of specialty beers that are typically made available locally or regionally. A microbrewery may also have a restaurant on the premises. The operation of such facility shall be consistent with the Alcohol and Beverage Code section 23357.

**Building:** Any structure having a roof supported by columns or walls built for the support, shelter or enclosure of persons, animals, chattels or property of any kind.

**Building height:** The vertical distance from the pad elevation to the highest point of the structure.

**Building marker:** Any sign indicating the name of a building, its date of construction, and

incidental information about its construction which is cut into masonry surface or made of bronze or other permanent material.

**Building official:** The head of the Building Department of the City of Galt and shall include his or her designee.

**Building sign:** Any sign attached to, and within twelve (12) inches of a wall, painted on the wall surface, or erected and confined within the limits of an outside wall of any building or structure which is supported by such wall or building.

**Campground:** An area or tract of land with one (1) or more spaces for the temporary use of tents and recreational vehicles and may include permanent structures for an office, restrooms, laundry facilities, and similar ancillary facilities.

**Canopy sign:** Any sign that is a part of or attached to an awning, canopy, or other fabric, or structural protective cover over a door, entrance, window, or outdoor service area. A marquee is not a canopy.

**Care providers, Residential:** Includes the following: 1) Health facilities as defined in section 1267.8 of the California Health and Safety Code, or 2) Community care facilities as defined in section 1566.3 of the California Health and Safety Code, or 3) Residential care facilities for the elderly as defined in section 1568.0831 of the California Health and Safety Code, or 4) Alcohol recovery facilities as defined in section 11834.02 of the California Health and Safety Code, or 5) Family day care homes as defined in section 1596.78c of the California Health and Safety Code, or 6) Facilities for mentally disordered, handicapped Persons, or dependent and neglected children as defined in section 5115 of the California Welfare and Institution Code.

**Cemetery:** Land used or intended to be used for the burial of the dead and dedicated for cemetery purposes, including columbariums, crematoriums, mausoleums and mortuaries when operated in conjunction with and within the boundary of such cemetery.

**Change of copy:** Changing of the face or letters on a sign with no change in the structural components of the sign structure. No sign permit is required for a change of copy on an existing sign that is in full conformance with the provisions of Chapter 18.40.

**Changeable copy sign:** A sign or portion thereof with characters, letters, or illustrations that can be changed or rearranged without altering the face or the surface of a sign. A gas station price sign shall not be considered a changeable copy sign. A sign on which the message changes more than eight (8) times per day shall be considered an animated sign and not a changeable copy sign for the purposes of this title.

**City:** The City of Galt.

**Club:** A not-for-profit association of persons, whether incorporated or unincorporated, organized to pursue common goals, interest or activities, but not including a group organized solely or primarily to render a service customarily carried on as a business.

**Code compliance officer:** The City's code compliance officer or his or her designee.

**Cold storage:** Commercial storage of food products or other perishable materials requiring refrigeration.

**Commencement of development:** means securing and maintaining a valid building permit for the project as approved.

**Commercial coach:** A vehicle, with or without motive power, designed and for industrial, professional or commercial office purposes and not used for residential purposes.

**Commercial message:** A sign wording, logo, or other representation that, directly or indirectly, names, advertises, or calls attention to a business, product, service, or other commercial activity.

**Community garden:** A lot or portion of a lot that is made available by the owner(s) for noncommercial production of vegetative food products by persons within the vicinity of such lot. It is the intent that the garden be used by persons for the production of food for their own use.

**Condominium:** A structure of two or more units, the interior spaces of which are individually owned; the balance of the property (both land and building) is owned in common by the owners of the individual units.

**Construction or contractor sign:** A temporary sign that states the names of the individuals and/or firms connected with the construction of a project. Such sign may include the name of the project, the lender, the contractor,

the architect, address of the business, and the emergency telephone number.

**Convalescent facility:** A use providing bed care and inpatient services for persons requiring regular medical attention, and persons aged or infirm unable to care for themselves, excluding surgical or emergency medical services.

**Convenience store:** Easy access retail store of 5,000 square feet or less in gross floor area, which carry a range of merchandise oriented to convenience and travelers' shopping needs. These stores may be part of a service station or an independent facility.

**Council:** The City Council of Galt.

**County:** The County of Sacramento.

**Covered parking:** A parking space or parking area that includes overhead man-made and/or natural materials, acceptable to the Planning Department, providing year round shade or cover over at least 75% (seventy-five percent) of the space or area. Covered parking includes, but is not limited to, garages, carports, lattice shade shelters, or full canopy evergreen tree landscaping.

**Curbside collection:** A method of collecting recyclable materials from the curb or alleyway of residential waste generation.

**Day care center:** A facility other than a day care home which provides non-medical care to persons in need of personal services, supervision, or assistance essential for sustaining the activities of daily living or for the protection of the individual on less than a twenty-four (24) hour basis.

**Day care home:** A home which provides family day care for less than twenty-four (24) hours for up to fourteen (14) persons or current law, including children under the age of ten (10) years who reside at the home.

**Design** means: (1) Street alignments, grades and widths; (2) drainage and sanitary facilities and utilities, including alignments and grades thereof; (3) location and size of all required easements and rights-of-way; (4) fire roads, fire lanes and fire breaks; (5) lot size and configuration; (6) traffic access; (7) grading; (8) land to be dedicated for park or recreational purposes; and (9) such other specific requirements in this title and configuration of the entire project as may be necessary or convenient

to insure conformity to or implementation of the General Plan or adopted specific plan.

**Developed area:** Includes principal and ancillary buildings and structures, parking and loading areas, and other uses and activities.

**Development project:** Defined as Government Code section 65928.

**Directory sign:** A sign or set of similarly designed individual signs, placed or displayed in sequence, to list all or part of the businesses within a building or business center.

**Discount store:** Store with off-street parking that usually offer a variety of customer services, centralized cashing and a wide range of products. They usually maintain long store hours seven days a week. The stores are often the only ones on the site, but they can also be found in mutual operation with a related or unrelated garden center or service station. Discount stores are also sometimes found as separate parcels within a retail complex with their own dedicated parking. This use listing includes Big-Box retail uses as defined and regulated in Chapter 18.38. There is no limit on the size of "Discount Stores," provided that they devote less than ten percent of the total sales floor area to the sale of non-taxable merchandise. Discount stores less than 100,000 square feet in size will not require a conditional use permit.

**Discount superstore:** A store that is similar to a "Discount Store," except that they range in size from 100,000 to 139,999 square feet and devote at least ten percent of the total sales floor area to the sale of non-taxable merchandise. These stores usually offer a variety of customer services, centralized cashing, and wide range of products. They usually maintain long store hours seven days a week. The stores are often the only ones on the site, but they can also be found in mutual operation with a related or unrelated garden center or service station. Discount superstores are also sometimes found as separate parcels within a retail complex with their own dedicated parking. This use listing includes Big-Box retail uses as defined and regulated in Chapter 18.38.

**Discount superstore, large-format:** A store that is similar to a "Discount Store," except that they are 140,000 square feet in size or larger and devote at least ten percent of the total sales

floor area to the sale of non-taxable merchandise. These stores usually offer a variety of customer services, centralized cashing, and wide range of products. They may also contain a full service grocery department under the same roof that shares entrances and exits with the discount store area. They usually maintain long store hours seven days a week. The stores are often the only ones on the site, but they can also be found in mutual operation with a related or unrelated garden center or service station. Large-format discount superstores are also sometimes found as separate parcels within a retail complex with their own dedicated parking. This use listing includes Big-Box retail uses as defined and regulated in Chapter 18.38.

**Discount warehouse/club.** Discount store or warehouse where shoppers pay a membership fee in order to take advantage of discounted prices on a wide variety of items such as food, clothing, tires and appliances; many items are sold in large quantities or bulk. This use listing includes Big-Box retail uses as defined and regulated in Chapter 18.38.

**Downtown Revitalization and Historic Preservation Specific Plan:** A specific plan adopted by the City Council on September 5, 1995, resolution number 95-129, and as amended thereafter (also referred to as the "Downtown Plan").

**Drug treatment clinic:** An outpatient facility that specializes in the diagnosis and/or treatment of substance abuse. Services provided may include, but need not be limited to, therapy, education, counseling, and aftercare recovery services.

**Duplex:** A building on a single parcel of land designed for occupancy by, or occupied by, two families living independently of each other, and having separate kitchen and toilet facilities for each family.

**Emergency shelter:** A permanent facility providing temporary housing for one (1) or more individuals who are otherwise homeless.

**Enclosed:** A covered space fully surrounded by walls, including windows, doors, and similar openings or architectural features.

**Engineer, City:** The City Engineer of the City of Galt and shall include his or her designee.

**Equipment rental yard:** A use providing for maintenance, servicing, or storage of motor

vehicles, equipment, or supplies; or for the dispatching of service vehicles.

**Family:** One individual living alone, or two or more individuals living together as a single nonprofit housekeeping unit in a residential dwelling unit.

**Farmers market:** An indoor or outdoor area where producers of food offer their food goods for sale.

**Fence:** A barrier made of durable material to establish a boundary, as a means of protection or to provide confinement. A fence is considered to be from eighteen (18) inches to six (6) feet, as measured vertically from the existing lot grade. For purposes of this definition, fences and walls over six (6) feet in height are allowed only as a required mitigation measure or city-imposed condition of project approval and will require structural engineering and building permit (see Table 18.20-2). Chain link, colored plastic, canvas tarps, visqueen plastic, and similar materials are prohibited fencing if visible from the public way.

**Flag:** A fabric, banner, or bunting containing distinctive colors, patterns, or symbols, used as a symbol of a government or political subdivision. A fabric, banner, or bunting signifying identification with any private or quasi-public institution or business shall not be considered a flag (see also pennant, pole).

**Flashing sign:** A sign that contains or is illuminated by lights which are intermittently on and off, that changes intensity or color, or that create the illusion of motion in any manner, including animated signs.

**Freestanding sign:** A sign supported by structures or supports that are placed on, or anchored in, the ground and that are independent from any building. Signs mounted on architecturally integrated extensions of buildings are considered building signs rather than freestanding signs.

**Frontage:** The property line of a site, abutting on a street, other than the sideline of a corner lot. "Frontage" shall be measured on a chord at the front setback line.

**Galt Landscape Manual:** The City of Galt Landscape Manual as adopted on May 7, 1991, resolution number 91-89 and as amended.

**Garage Sale:** A sale of used household or personal articles (such as furniture, tools, or clothing) held on the seller's own premises.

**Garage, two-car:** A four-sided parking structure with a roof and a minimum interior dimension of twenty (20) feet by twenty (20) feet with a minimum door width of sixteen (16) feet.

**Gas station price sign:** Any sign used solely to meet the requirements of Article 12 of the Business and Professions Code to advertise the prices of the major grades of motor vehicle fuel offered for sale. For purposes of this title, motor vehicle fuel does not include propane.

**General plan:** The General Plan of the City of Galt, including all maps, reports, and related plan elements adopted by the City Council.

**Governmental or other signs required by law:** A sign placed in any area of the City by a governmental entity or private individual or business that is required by federal or state law or local ordinance.

**Grocery store/supermarket:** A retail business where the majority of the floor area open to the public is occupied by food products packaged for preparation and consumption away from the site of the store. These full service businesses do not typically have limited hours of operation.

**Gross acre:** This term is used to describe the total horizontal area within the lot lines prior to subdivision. It is used in determining maximum density permitted on the property after subdivision.

**Group care facility:** A facility that provides resident services for persons handicapped or disabled, undergoing rehabilitation, or otherwise in need of care and supervision, subject to licensing by the appropriate governmental agency. The term includes group homes, halfway houses, and foster homes.

**Guest ranch:** Buildings and premises offering recreational facilities for such pursuits as horseback riding, swimming, and hiking, and supplementing living accommodations.

**Guest room:** A room that is designed and/or used by one or more guests for sleeping purposes, but in which no provisions are made for cooking.

**Halfplex:** A building on a single parcel of land designed for occupancy by one (1) family and which is attached at the lot line to one (1)

other building designed for occupancy by one (1) family.

**Hazardous Materials:** Substances which, by reason of being explosive, flammable, toxic, poisonous, corrosive, oxidizing, irritant or otherwise harmful is likely to cause injury.

**Holiday decorations:** Temporary decorations which are void of commercial content and designed to signify the celebration or commemoration of a holiday or season, including greetings, banners, announcements, and displays, and void of commercial content.

**Home occupation:** A use conducted in accordance with Chapter 18.56 of this Title.

**Hospital:** A facility providing medical, psychiatric, or surgical service for sick or injured persons primarily on an in-patient basis, and including ancillary facilities for outpatient and emergency treatment, diagnostic services training, research, administration, and services to patients, employees or visitors.

**Hotel/motel:** Any building or portion thereof containing six (6) or more guest rooms which are or could be subject to Transient Occupancy Tax and which are designed for and/or used by six (6) or more guests for compensation, with no provision for cooking in any individual room or suite, but not including those facilities defined as social care facilities.

**Household pet:** Any animal customarily permitted and kept in a dwelling and kept only for the company or pleasure provided to the occupants of the dwelling, such as a dog, cat, parakeet, tropical fish, hamster, rabbit, small non-poisonous reptile, or similar domestic animal. Chickens, roosters and similar animals are not permitted.

**Identification sign:** A sign, other than a bulletin board, that serves to tell only the name, address, and lawful uses of the premises upon which the sign is located and may include a trademark or symbol of said business or businesses. Address signs are not considered identification signs for the purpose of this title.

**Illuminated sign:** A sign or individual letters in which an artificial source of light is used in order to make the message readable. This definition shall include internally and externally lighted signs, reflectorized, glowing, or radiating signs.

**Incidental sign:** A non-governmental sign, generally informational, that has a purpose secondary to the use of the lot on which it is located, such as "no parking," "entrance," "loading only," "telephone," and other similar directives. No sign with a commercial message legible from a position off the lot on which the sign is located shall be considered incidental.

**Integrated development:** A group of two (2) or more uses or entities planned and developed in a joint manner with undivided or non-segregated parking facilities shared by them or that are governed by a common business, tenant, homeowner, or other association or by common conditions, covenants, and restrictions (CC&R's), regardless of whether such uses or entities are located on the same lot or parcel.

**Interior sign:** A sign that is located in excess of three (3) feet inside from exterior windows, walls, doors, and other architectural features that allow persons on the exterior of the structure to view the interior of the structure.

**Junk:** Any combustible or non-combustible, non-putrescible waste, including but not limited to trash; refuse; paper; glass; cans; bottles; rags; fabrics; bedding; ashes; trimmings from on-site lawns, shrubbery or trees, except when used for mulch or home garden purposes; household refuse, other than putrescible waste, lumber; metal; plumbing fixtures, bricks, building stones, plaster, wire or like materials from the demolition, alteration or construction of buildings or structures; tires or inner tubes; auto, aircraft or boat parts; plastic or metal parts or scraps, damaged or defective machinery, whether or not repairable; and damaged or defective toys, recreational equipment or household appliances or furnishings, whether or not repairable.

**Junkyard:** The use of any unenclosed portion of a lot for the purpose of keeping or storing junk, including scrap metals or any other scrap materials, or for the purpose of wrecking or dismantling automobiles, vehicles or machinery. A junkyard does not include a recycling center.

**Kennel:** any lot, building, structure, enclosure, or premises, whereupon or wherein are kept five (5) or more household pets of four (4) months of age or older during any one (1) year period.

**Landscaped freeway:** A portion or portions of State Route 99 designated by the California

Department of Transportation as a landscaped freeway.

**Lot:** A parcel of land used or intended for one use or a group of uses and having frontage on a public or an approved private street.

**Lot, interior:** A lot other than a corner lot.

**Lot, through:** A lot, interior or corner, having frontage upon two parallel or approximately parallel streets.

**Lot, reversed corner:** A corner lot which rears upon the side of another lot, whether across an alley or not.

**Lot area:** The total horizontal area within the lot lines of a lot.

**Lot area, net:** The total horizontal net area within the lot lines of a lot exclusive of existing or proposed public streets, highways, roads and alleys, or proposed streets and highways as shown on the circulation plan, general plan, or a specific plan.

**Lot coverage:** The amount of a lot, stated in terms of percentage, that is covered by all buildings and/or structures located thereon. This shall be deemed to include all buildings, covered porches, patio roofs, gazebos and the like, but shall not be deemed to include fences, walls, uncovered porches or patios, swimming pools, or shade shelters meeting the definition set forth in Galt municipal code section 15.04.010.

**Lot line:** A line dividing one (1) lot from another lot or from a street or alley.

**Lot line, front:** A lot line paralleling the street. On a corner lot, the shorter lot line abutting a street or the line designated as the front lot line by a subdivision or parcel map.

**Lot line, rear:** A lot line, not intersecting a front lot line, which is most distant from and most closely parallel to the front lot line. In the case of an irregularly shaped lot or a lot bounded by only three (3) lot lines, a line within the lot having a length of ten (10) feet, parallel to and most distant from the front lot line shall be interpreted as the rear lot line for the purpose of determining required yards, setbacks, and other provisions of this title.

**Lot line, side:** A lot line not a front or rear lot line.

**Lot width:** The average horizontal distances measured between the side lines of the lot.

**Lounge, cocktail:** A use providing preparation and retail sale of alcoholic beverages,

on a licensed "on sale" basis, for consumption on the premises, including taverns, bars, and similar uses.

**Manufactured home:** A manufactured home is a complete single-family home deliverable in one or more transportable sections, and constructed to the standards established by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). A manufactured home is not the same as a recreational vehicle or commercial coach which may look similar from the exterior.

**Marquee:** A permanent roof-like structure projecting beyond a building or extending along and projecting beyond the wall of the building, generally designed and constructed to provide protection from the weather.

**Marquee sign:** A sign attached to, or made a part of, a marquee.

**Massage Parlor:** A building or portion thereof or a place where massage is administered for compensation or from which a massage business or service for compensation is operated, provided, however, that a health spa or reducing salon is not a massage parlor. As used herein, "massage" means any method of pressure on or friction against or stroking, kneading, rubbing, tapping, pounding, vibrating, or stimulating of the external surfaces of the body with the hands, or with the aid of any mechanical, electrical apparatus or appliances with or without such supplementary aids as rubbing alcohol, liniments, antiseptics, oils, powder, creams, lotions, ointments, or other similar preparations commonly used in this practice. Therapeutic massage administered in a medical office, hospital complex, medical care facility, beauty salon or health club/fitness center as an incidental service or as a home occupation shall not be deemed to render such office, complex, or facility a massage parlor within the meaning of this title.

**Medical Marijuana Dispensary:** (1) any facility, building, structure or location, whether fixed or mobile, where a primary caregiver makes available, sells, transmits, gives or otherwise provides medical marijuana to two or more of the following: a qualified patient or a person with an identification card, or a primary caregiver in strict accordance with California Health and Safety Code Section 11362.5 et seq., or (2) any facility, building, structure or location

where qualified patients and/or persons with identification cards and/or primary caregivers meet or congregate to cultivate or distribute marijuana for medical purposes. The terms “primary caregiver,” “qualified patient,” and “person with an identification card” shall be as defined in California Health and Safety Code Section 11362.5 et seq. For purposes of this ordinance, a “medical marijuana dispensary” shall not include the following uses, as long as the location of such uses are otherwise regulated by applicable law: a clinic licensed pursuant to Chapter 1 of Division 2 of the California Health and Safety Code, a health care facility licensed pursuant to Chapter 2 of Division 2 of the California Health and Safety Code, a residential care facility for persons with chronic life-threatening illness licensed pursuant to Chapter 3.01 of Division 2 of the California Health and Safety Code, a residential care facility for the elderly licensed pursuant to Chapter 3.2 of Division 2 of the California Health and Safety Code, a residential hospice, or a home health agency licensed pursuant to Chapter 8 of the California Health and Safety Code, as long as any such use complies strictly with applicable law including, but not limited to, California Health and Safety Code Section 11362.5 et seq.

**Medical office/services:** A use providing consultation, diagnosis, therapeutic, preventative, or corrective personal treatment services, primarily on an out-patient basis, by doctors, dentists, medical and dental laboratories, and similar practitioners of medical and healing arts for humans licensed for such practice by the State of California, but not including a drug treatment clinic.

**Mini storage:** A structure containing one or more units capable of being used independently of each other and which are designed for the shelter of:

- A. Privately owned household goods, recreational and personal property, passenger vehicles, antique vehicles, trucks less than six tons
- B. Business and office records
- C. Storage of supplies

A mini storage shall not include use for human habitation or manufacturing or any kind.

**Mobilehome:** The term "mobilehome" shall be considered a manufactured home for the purposes of this title.

**Mobile food vending/ preparation unit:** Any vehicle or portable food service unit upon which food is prepared for service, sale, or distribution at retail, or from which previously prepared food is sold or distributed at retail.

**Mobilehome park:** A residential facility arranged or equipped for the accommodation of two or more manufactured homes, with spaces for such manufactured homes available for rent, lease or purchase, and providing utility services and other facilities either separately or in common to manufactured home space therein.

**Monument sign:** A freestanding sign constructed upon a solid appearing base or pedestal, the total width of which is at least fifty (50) percent of the overall height of the sign.

**Multiple-family dwelling:** A building or buildings, or portion thereof, on a single parcel of land designed for occupancy by three (3) or more families living independently of each other. Multiple-family dwelling also includes a condominium, other than a townhouse.

**Mural:** A work of art applied to and made an integral part of an exterior wall.

**Nonconforming building:** A building or portion thereof lawfully existing at the time of the passage of this title, which does not conform to the base district development regulations contained in Chapter 18.20 for the zoning district in which it is located.

**Nonconforming lot:** Any lot having dimensions or area less than the smallest minimum dimensions or lot area prescribed by this title for the zoning district in which the lot is located, provided one of the following is true:

A. The lot is shown on a duly approved and recorded parcel or final map.

B. The lot was created by means that were consistent with applicable legal requirements at the time the lot was created.

C. The legality of the lot is verified by a certificate or conditional certificate of compliance issued by the City of Galt pursuant to Government Code section 66499.35 et seq.

**Nonconforming sign:** A sign legally existing at the time of the effective date of Ordinance 93-03 (April 1, 1993) which does not conform to the provisions of this title.

**Nonconforming use:** Means a use which lawfully occupied a Building or existed on premises at the time of the passage of this title and which does not conform to the use regulations of the zoning district in which it is located.

**Non-taxable merchandise:** Products, commodities or items the sale of which is not subject to California State sales tax.

**Nursery, landscape:** A retail service providing propagation and sale of plants, shrubs, trees, and similar products, related to materials and services associated with installation, maintenance, and improvements of yards, gardens, landscaped areas, outdoor living and recreation areas, and similar facilities.

**Northeast Area Specific Plan:** A specific plan adopted by the City Council on September 1, 1987, resolution number 87-52 and as amended thereafter.

**Pennant, pole:** A single piece of lightweight plastic, fabric, or other material, whether or not containing a message of any kind that is temporarily suspended from a pole and is designed to move in the wind (see also flag).

**Pennant, string:** A lightweight plastic, fabric, or other material, whether or not containing a message of any kind that is temporarily suspended from a rope, wire, or string, usually in series, designed to move in the wind.

**Permanent sign:** A sign that is not a temporary sign and is intended to remain in place for more than one (1) year.

**Person:** Any individual, or association, company, corporation, firm, organization, or partnership, singular or plural, of any kind.

**Place of worship:** A use located in a permanent building and providing regular or organized religious worship and religious education incidental thereto. A property tax exemption obtained pursuant to the Constitution of the State of California and of the Revenue of Taxation Code of the State of California, shall constitute prima facie evidence that such use is a place of worship as defined herein.

**Planning commission:** The advisory commission, established by Chapter 2.28 of this title, which has the duties and responsibilities set forth in this title.

**Planning director:** The head of the planning department of the City of Galt or his/her designee.

**Pole sign:** A freestanding sign mounted to a pole or other structure, the average height of which is more than two (2) times that of the average width.

**Portable sign:** A sign not permanently attached to the ground or other permanent structure, or a sign designed to be transported, including, but not limited to: signs designed to be transported by means of wheels; signs configured as A or T-frames; menu and sandwich board signs; balloons used as signs; umbrellas used for advertising; and signs attached to or painted on vehicles parked and visible from the public way, unless said vehicle is used in the normal day-to-day operations of the business.

**Prezoning:** The act of designating, in advance of annexation, the district to be applicable to a site or area upon subsequent annexation of that site or area to the City of Galt.

**Principal use:** The primary purpose for which a building, structure, or lot is designed, arranged, or intended, or for which they may be used, occupied, or maintained under this title.

**Projecting sign:** A sign affixed to a building or wall in such a manner that its leading edge extends more than twelve (12) inches beyond the surface of such building or wall.

**Prurient interest:** A shameful or morbid interest in nudity, sex, or excretion.

**Public and Quasi-Public recreation:** Parks or playfields for baseball, football, soccer, and the like, or ball courts owned and operated by a public or non-profit agency.

**Public garage:** A structure where such vehicles are parked or stored for remuneration, hire or sale.

**Public way:** Any easement or right-of-way that is or can be used for public passage or within which public utilities are located.

**Queue line:** An area for temporary parking and lining of motor vehicles while awaiting a service or other activity.

**Ranch marketing operation:** An establishment engaged in the sale of agricultural products and edible byproducts packed or processed on the premises.

**Real estate sign:** A sign advertising the sale, lease, or rent of property and the identification of the firm handling the sale, lease, or rent.

**Real estate tract office:** A structure or a portion thereof that is used on a temporary basis as an office for the first-time sale or rental of newly constructed dwellings located in the same subdivision as the office.

**Recreational vehicle park:** An area, tract of land, or designated part of a mobilehome park with two (2) or more spaces for the temporary use of recreational vehicles and may include permanent structures for an office, restrooms, laundry facilities, and similar ancillary facilities.

**Recreational vehicle:** A motor home, travel trailer, truck camper, or camping trailer, boat or similar vehicle with or without motive power, designed for human habitation ~~for~~ *or* recreational purposes.

**Recycling center:** A facility that is not a junkyard and in which recoverable resources, such as newspapers, glassware, and metal cans, are collected for transport to appropriate markets.

**Recycling collection point:** An incidental use that serves as a neighborhood drop-off point for temporary storage of recoverable resources. No processing of such items would be allowed. This facility would generally be located in a shopping center parking lot or in other public/quasi-public areas, such as in churches and schools.

**Redevelopment Project Area:** The Galt Redevelopment Project Area established pursuant to Health and Safety Code sections 33000 et seq.

**Residential care facility, small:** Any family home, group home, group care facility, or residential care facility for the elderly for 24-hour non-medical care of persons in need of personal services, supervision, or assistance essential for sustaining the activities of daily living or for the protection of the individual which serves six (6) or fewer persons.

**Residential care facility, large:** Any family home, group home, group care facility, or residential care facility for the elderly for 24-hour non-medical care of persons in need of personal services, supervision, or assistance essential for sustaining the activities of daily living or for the protection of the individual which serves seven (7) or more persons.

**Residential sign:** A window sign located on a lot that has as its principal use a residence or residences or an agricultural use with a residence or residences that is secondary in use, and that contains no commercial message.

**Restaurant:** A use providing preparation and retail sale of food and beverages, including cafes, coffee shops, sandwich shops, ice cream parlors, and similar uses, and including licensed "on-sale" provision of wine and beer for consumption on the premises when accessory to such food service. For the purposes of this code, a mobile food vendor is not considered a restaurant.

**Right-of-way:** Land acquired by reservation, dedication, forced dedication, prescription or condemnation and intended to be occupied or occupied by a road, crosswalk, railroad, electric transmission lines, oil or gas pipeline, water line, sanitary storm sewer and other similar uses.

**Roof sign:** A sign erected and constructed wholly on and over the roof of a building, supported by the roof structure and not extending vertically above the highest portion of the roof.

**Roof sign, integral:** A sign erected or constructed as an integral or essentially integral part of a normal roof structure of any design, such that no part of the sign extends vertically above the highest portion of the roof and such that no part of the sign is separated from the rest of the roof by a space of more than six (6) inches.

**Rotating sign:** See animated sign.

**Sales floor area:** All interior building space including, but not limited to, storage space, automobile service areas or open-air garden sales space.

**Satellite receiving dish:** A device or instrument designed or used for the reception of television or other electronic communications signal broadcast or relayed from an earth satellite. It may be a solid, open mesh, or bar configured structure in the shape of a shallow dish or parabola.

**School, private:** Any building or group of buildings the use of which meets state requirements of primary, secondary or higher education and which use does not secure the major part of its funding from any governmental agency. A private school may also be a use providing education or training in business, commerce, language, or other similar activity or

occupational pursuit, and not otherwise defined as a home occupation, college or university, or public or private educational facility.

**Screened:** Shielded, concealed, and effectively hidden from view by a person standing at ground level on an abutting site, or outside the area or subject to screening, by a fence, wall, hedge, berm, or similar architectural or landscape feature.

**Seasonal retail sales:** Retail sales limited to sales of Christmas trees during the period from Thanksgiving to Christmas Day and pumpkins in the period from October 1 through November 1 and other uses as permitted.

**Second residential unit:** An attached or a detached residential dwelling that provides complete independent living facilities for one (1) or more persons. It must include permanent provisions for living, sleeping, eating, cooking, and sanitation on the same parcel as the single-family dwelling is situated. A second residential unit shall not be intended for sale but may be rented.

**Service station:** An establishment offering the sale of gasoline, oil, minor automotive accessories, and minor repair services for the operation of motor vehicles, but not including painting, body work, steam cleaning or major repairs.

**Setback:** The minimum distance required to be maintained between structures or between structures and a property line forming the interior boundary of the required yard and governing the placement of buildings, structures and uses on the lot.

**Shipping container:** Any enclosed container constructed of metal, wood, or other material which container was designed or patterned after structures used in containerized shipping operations. No shipping container or similar structure shall be used as an accessory structure, permanent or temporary, in any zoning district unless granted a minor use permit pursuant to Chapter 18.76.

**Shopping center:** A group of commercial establishments, planned, developed, owned, or managed as a unit, with off-street parking provided on the site.

**Shopping center, regional:** A shopping center that is not dependent upon the

neighborhood, community or immediate urban area for its customers.

**Sidewalk cafe:** An area for drinking nonalcoholic beverages and eating on the defined portion of a public sidewalk as an ancillary use to a shop, restaurant, or snack bar.

**Sign:** Any device, fixture, placard, structure, color, form, graphic, mural, illumination, symbol, or writing and all its component parts, that is used to announce, display, advertise or communicate information or ideas of any kind to the public.

**Sign, off-site:** A sign displayed at a location other than the lot, or groups of lots that operates as an integrated development, where the business or activity that is being advertised or announced by the sign is located.

**Sign, on-site:** A sign displayed on the lot, or groups of lots that operates as an integrated development, where the business or activity that is being advertised or announced by the sign is located.

**Single-family dwelling, attached:** A building on a single parcel of land designed for occupancy by one family and which is attached at the lot line to another building designed for occupancy by at least one other family. Single-family dwelling, attached, also includes a townhouse and halfplex.

**Single-family dwelling, detached:** A building on a single parcel of land designed for occupancy by one family and which is structurally independent from any other such dwelling unit or structure intended for residential or other use.

**Street:** A public or private thoroughfare, other than an alley, dedicated as such or condemned for use as such, which affords the principal means of access to abutting property.

**Street tree:** A tree acceptable for planting as identified in the Galt Landscape Manual street tree list.

**Structure:** Anything over thirty (30) inches in height, constructed or erected, which requires permanent location on the ground or attachment to something having permanent location on the ground, but not including fences that are six (6) feet in height or less or walls.

**Subdivision kiosk:** A sign directing persons to homes in a subdivision or land development project.

**Subdivision sign, temporary on-site:** A sign identifying model homes in a subdivision or identifying a land development project.

**Suspended sign:** A sign that is suspended from the underside of a horizontal plane surface and is supported by such surface.

**Temporary sign:** A sign that is used only for a limited period of time (less than one (1) year) and is not permanently mounted.

**Tot lot:** An improved and equipped play area for small children usually up to elementary school age.

**Townhouse:** A condominium designed for occupancy by one family in a row of at least two (2) such units in which each unit has its own front and rear access to the outside, no unit is located over another unit, and each unit is separated from any other unit by one or more common and fire resistant walls.

**Truck terminal:** A lot, lot area or parcel of land used, designed or maintained for the purpose of storing, parking, refueling, repairing, dispatching, servicing or the loading, unloading, and temporary storage of trucks and truck trailers or keeping motor trucks and associate equipment together with those facilities necessary to service, dispatch, store or maintain aforementioned vehicles, their cargos and crews.

**Uniform code:** Any and all uniform codes as adopted and administered by the City. Approval for development under the zoning code does not exempt a project from complying with any applicable uniform code.

**Vehicle storage/impound facility:** Any lot, lot area, or parcel of land used, designed, or maintained for the specific purpose of storing, impounding, or keeping motor vehicles, but not including dismantling or wrecking activities.

**Wall sign:** A sign painted on, attached to, or erected against the wall of a building or structure with the exposed face of the sign parallel to the plane of said wall.

**Window sign:** A sign, picture, symbol, or communication thereof, designed to communicate information about an idea, activity, business, commodity, event, sale, or service that is placed inside a window or upon the window or glass (including the glass of doors) and is visible from the exterior of the window.

**Yard:** A required open space area between a lot line and the required setback line wherein

every part of this yard setback area shall be free of structures from its lowest point to the sky unobstructed.

**Yard, front:** A yard extending the full width of the lot between the front property line (excluding right-of-way) and a line parallel thereto and passing through the nearest point of the building(s).

**Yard, rear:** A yard extending the full width of the Lot between the rear property line (excluding Right-of-way) and a line parallel thereto and passing through the nearest point of the building(s). For through lots, if a future street right-of-way has been established, such measurement shall be from the future street right-of-way line.

**Yard, side:** A yard extending the full length between the side lot line and a line parallel thereto and passing through the nearest point of the building(s).

**Yard, street side:** A side yard that faces a public street on a corner lot and extends from the front yard to the rear yard. (Ord. 2009-13, Amended, 07/21/2009; Ord. 2007-14, Amended, 11/20/2007; Ord. 2006-12, Amended, 10/03/2006; Ord. 2006-02, Amended, 06/26/2006; Ord. 2004-10, Amended, 01/04/2005; Ord. 2002-12, Amended, 11/19/2002; 98-05, Repealed & Replaced, 03/17/1998)